

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL TO RENEW A SOLE SOURCE OUT-OF-COUNTY CHILD PLACEMENT
AGREEMENT WITH VICTOR TREATMENT CENTERS, INC.
AND DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH
OTHER OUT-OF-COUNTY CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCIES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to renew an existing sole source Out-of-County Child Placement Mental Health Services Agreement with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc., in Northern California, and for delegated authority to enter into agreements with other out-of-County agencies, to provide a comprehensive residential treatment program for seriously emotionally disturbed, deaf and/or hard-of-hearing adolescents.

REQUEST

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute a renewal of the sole source Out-of-County Child Placement Mental Health Services Agreement with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc., to provide a comprehensive residential treatment program serving seriously emotionally disturbed (SED), deaf and/or hard-of-hearing adolescents, for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12. This Agreement will be funded with Sales Tax Realignment funds and Intrafund Transfers from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future new agreements with other qualified and licensed out-of-County child placement providers, and to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to these Agreements, provided that: 1) the County's revised daily rate for each applicable fiscal year does not increase by 20 percent from the applicable revised daily rate; 2) any increase will be used to provide additional services or to reflect program changes; 3) the Board of Supervisors has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office (CEO), or designees, is obtained prior to any such amendments; 5) the parties, by written Amendment, reduce programs or services without reference to the 20 percent limitation; and 6) the Director of Mental Health notifies the Board of Supervisors of Agreement changes in writing within 30 days after execution of each Amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Renewal of this Agreement will allow continued services to the clients. These clients are identified as SED, deaf and/or hard-of-hearing adolescents, ages 13 to 18, who were assessed by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and determined to require residential placement and mental health treatment services, and who are then referred to Victor Treatment Centers, Inc., by DMH. The current agreement's expiration date is June 30, 2009. In addition, this will authorize DMH to enter into Agreements with other qualified Out-of-County residential providers, including Out-of-State providers, under delegated authority to provide these services to this population.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The renewal of this Agreement will provide for a comprehensive residential treatment program, in Northern California, serving Los Angeles County-based SED, deaf and/or hard-of-hearing adolescents. These adolescents are treated in a culturally-sensitive environment by staff who are fluent in American Sign Language.

The attached agreement format has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The proposed agreement format includes two revised or mandated provisions: Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program and Force Majeure. The CEO has reviewed the proposed actions. DMH clinical and administrative staff will also continue to administer the Agreement, evaluate programs to ensure that quality services are provided to clients, and ensure that the Agreement provisions and Departmental policies are followed.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The County currently has an existing Agreement with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. that will expire on June 30, 2009. It is being renewed due to the continuing need for its specialized services for Los Angeles County residents. The proposed Out-of-County Agreement is being requested on a sole source basis founded on Victor Treatment Centers Inc.'s specialized expertise and experience in providing services to SED, deaf and/or hard-of-hearing adolescents.

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